the above period; if so, the number thereof;

(e) whether any scrutiny/monitoring of the expenditure was made by any agencies of the Central Government during the above period; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Centenary Celebration of Distinguished Personalities

1347. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the distinguished personalities whose centenary celebrations have been observed during 1985 to 1992; and

(b) the expenditure incurred by Government on the centenary celebrations of each such personality ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) During the last three years, the Department observed the centenary celebration of Late Shri Jamna Lal Bajaj and late Shri Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan.

(b) The expenditure incurred by Government on these centenary celebrations are Rs. 0.50 lakhs and Rs. 5.40 lakhs, respectively.

Eliminating Illiteracy from Bihar

1348. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have prepared any special plan to attain 85 per cent literacy in the State of Bihar in the near future;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what targets for primary, upper primary and elementary classes have been fixed to be achieved in the State; and

(d) how Government propose to achieve the goal of eliminating illiteracy from Bihar ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA) : (a) and (b) The Government have not prepared any special plan to this effect. However, the National Literacy Mission has the objective of imparting functional literacy to 80 million persons in the target age group of 15-35 by the year 1995 over the entire country. As part of the NLM strategy, Total Literacy Campaigns have been taken up in Bihar in the districts of Madhepura, Madhubani, Saharsa and Siwan. In addition, such campaigns had been introduced with UNICEF funding in districts of Muzzafarpur and Ranchi, and in Jamshedpur (Urban).

(c) The following are the enrolment targets for primary, upper pri-